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## MEMPHI-TO-BRISTOL HIGHWAY

**Contract Has Been Let for Building Up Mountain in White County to Cumberland County Line**

A contract has been let to Birmingham parties for the construction of the 13 miles of the Memphis-to-Bristol Highway from Sparta, White county, up the mountain to the Cumberland county line. The bid was \$347,012.62. Work is expected to begin in a few weeks and it is estimated that almost a year will be required to complete the work.

This stretch of road has been the most serious obstruction anywhere in the state to the final completion of the Memphis-to-Bristol Highway. Now that it is to be completed our people will look more hopefully for aid to enable this county to put its 35 miles of the Memphis-to-Bristol Highway in first class condition.

This county has spent considerably over \$70,000 on this line and most of the distance in this county the road has been fairly passable for several years, especially during the summer and fall months.

This county has surveyed and graded the line for the entire distance through the county, but the survey that was made a few years ago showed that some deviation would be necessary in a few instances to place the road in the class it was supposed to occupy. Repeated efforts have been made to secure the expenditure of funds sufficient to finally establish the grades as desired and, further, to secure proper surfacing. In every instance the effort has proven a failure. However, now that the serious obstacle of the mountain on our west is to be overcome, our people have reason to expect work in this county at no distant date that will very materially benefit the highway.

With the putting of the Memphis-to-Bristol Highway in passable shape from one side of the mountain to the other, much traffic may reasonably be expected and a larger volume of business for this section as a whole.

Next should come the completion of the Dixie Short Route, which runs north from Chattanooga to Louisville, Ky., without going 120 miles out of the way, as is the case when either branch of the so-called Dixie Highway is followed via Knoxville or Nashville. A tremendous flow of traffic accompanied by a large increase in business will inevitably follow when these two lines are completed.

Work is going on in Fentress county now and steps are being taken to bridge the Cumberland river in Kentucky, all of which brings closer the day when the Dixie Short Route will be opened and a heavy stream of travel and business will follow.

## FORMER CITIZEN PASSES

**P. S. Slaughter Died of Pneumonia, April 14 at LaFayette, Indiana, Aged 78 Years.**

Peter S. Slaughter, aged 78, died at his home, LaFayette, Indiana, April 14, of pneumonia after an illness of only a few days. The remains were taken to Hooperstown, Illinois, his old home, for interment.

Mrs. Slaughter had sustained a serious operation a short time before and was getting along nicely in spite of her advanced years. Mr. Slaughter was suddenly taken ill with the dread pneumonia and passed away in a few days. Mrs. Slaughter will be moved to Royal Center, Indiana, to the home of her daughter as soon as she is able to stand the trip.

Mrs. R. G. Bloomfield, Monterey, was notified of the death of her father and left at once for LaFayette, Ind., where she is now with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter formerly lived here and were highly esteemed

## FLOUR MILL PROBABLE

**Local Parties Seriously Considering Erecting Building for Mill Near the Depot.**

Local parties are seriously considering putting in a flour mill within a short time. The matter is in such a crude and unformulated condition that the promoters do not wish to have their names mentioned. It is known, however, that they have \$10,000 or more in sight and there is every probability that the mill will be put in within the next few months.

They have a lot fronting on the west side of the railroad at the depot that has a frontage of over 200 feet on the railroad and extends west to the street, a distance of 200 feet or more. The location is an ideal one as it will be possible to unload grain into bins lower than the railroad track and at the same time load flour for shipment without having to elevate it, as the mill floor will be on a level with the cars. We expect to have something more definite to state within a short time.

It has been suggested that it would be an excellent plan to embrace in the mill enterprise an electric lighting plant of a substantial character, one that will furnish ample power for any and all enterprises that may want to come to our town, as well as all any and all enterprises that may want owners of our town light plant, we feel confident, would be open to considering a feasible plan for such an arrangement. It could be effected by taking over the wires of the present plant and any other parts of the plant that conditions may justify.

## NO MORE MEASURING

**All Apples, Potatoes, Etc. Must be Sold by Weight and not by Measure.**

The last legislature passed a law requiring that all dry products such as apples, potatoes, onions, etc. shall be sold by weight and not by measure.

It has been the custom for years in practically all wholesale markets that potatoes, especially, be quoted at the 100 pound rate. This act of the legislature will further that idea and it is very probable that the time is near at hand when apples, onions and all dry fruits and vegetables will be sold by the 100-pounds instead of by measure.

and respected by all who knew them. They came here from LaFayette, to which place they returned about two years ago.

## GROCERY STORE SOLD

**F. H. Washburn Sells His Grocery, Meat and Restaurant Business to Naldo V. Speck.**

Naldo Speck has arranged to purchase the F. H. Washburn grocery meat and restaurant business near the postoffice. Mr. Speck has been meeting customers since Monday and the deal will be finally closed by the last of the week. The consideration was not made public.

A little over a year ago Mr. Washburn purchased a half interest in the grocery, meat and restaurant business being conducted by F. A. Loshbough & Son. In a short time Mr. Washburn became sole owner of the business and has enjoyed a nice business and was not looking for a buyer, but having a chance to sell decided to do so and engage in some other business; just what business he will enter he has not as yet decided.

On March 23 there were reported to be 459,784 idle freight cars, the largest number ever known.

## STOLEN CAR MAKES TROUBLE

**Claude Hale and Robert Meadows, Jailed in Default of \$1,000 Bond, Escape.**

Claude Hale and Robert Meadows were arrested last week by Marshal Liles for bringing stolen property into the state. The property alleged to have been stolen was a Studebaker automobile.

The facts as we get them are about as follows:

Hale and Meadows arrived here April 2 driving a new Studebaker. Hale claimed to have gotten the car from a man by the name of Church at Norfolk, Va. He contracted it to J. B. France for \$650. France gave him his check but Hale could not get the cash on the check and the trade was not completed. Hale later traded the car to C. E. Keyes for an Overland and \$500 in cash, Keyes to hold the money until he could investigate the title. After investigation, Mr. Keyes decided he had better not trade for the car.

Marshal Liles got suspicious of Hale's ownership of the car and telegraphed to the Secretary of State of Virginia to know who held the license number on the car claimed by Hale. He was advised that the license was issued to H. C. Smith. Mr. Liles then telegraphed Mr. Smith to know if his car had been stolen. Mr. Smith replied that it had. The Marshal then arrested Hale and Meadows and advised Smith to come to Crossville. Mr. Smith replied that he was sending H. P. Cox who was driving the car at the time it was stolen. In the mean time the case was continued until Monday of this week and in default of bond of \$1,000 each Hale and Meadows were turned over to Sheriff Walker.

Mr. Cox arrived last week and thru attorney Geo. P. Burnett instituted detinue proceedings to get possession of his car. The case was heard before Esq. O. B. Rector last Saturday and from the evidence submitted, Mr. Smith was the owner of the car.

The criminal case against Hale and Meadows was called for trial Monday afternoon but both the defendants had taken French leave, although they were supposed to be securely locked up in jail and at this time they have not been heard from.

Judge S. N. Smith represented the defendants and Geo. P. Burnett represented Mr. Cox and the State.

## CUTTING SCRAPE

**Bunk Goss Cut Severely in Left Side By Ab. Norris Sunday Morning.**

Sunday about 10 o'clock Ab. Norris severely cut Bunk Goss in the left side. The cutting took place near Adams Ford some eight or nine miles north of Crossville. Norris is supposed to have been drinking, but Goss was not, according to reports.

The cutting came about in this way, as the information comes to the Chronicle: Ab. Norris, who seemed to be drinking, was insisting that he ride a horse belonging to a boy. Norris is said to have drawn his knife and scared the boy. Bunk Goss interceded as a peace-maker and urged Norris not to hurt or scare the boy and to let the horse alone. Norris then turned his attention to Goss and cut him to the hollow in the left side between the seventh and eighth ribs. The cut is about two inches long and since it went to the hollow may prove fatal.

Dr. V. L. Lewis was called shortly after noon and went to the scene and dressed the wound of Goss. Goss was cut only once and while the cut is serious the chances for his recovery are regarded as favorable.

Up to the time of going to press the Chronicle had not learned of Norris being arrested or any attempt being made in that way.

## CITY BONDS FAILED TO SELL

**No Bids Made on the \$20,000 School Bonds of the City Last Friday.**

In compliance with the published notice Recorder J. D. McClarney offered for sale, at public outcry, Friday the proposed \$20,000 of bonds to be issued by Crossville for building a public school building. No bids were made and the bonds failed to sell.

There seems to be two defects in the method of sale and manner of redemption that probably had much to do with the fact that no one offered to purchase the bonds, in spite of the fact that the city has comparatively no indebtedness and that the bonds were to bear six percent interest.

The first defect was in the manner of sale. No provision was made in the publication for receiving sealed bids, which may have prevented persons from a distance from bidding as their presence was necessary to make an open bid and no bond purchaser would go to the expense of sending a man here for so small an amount of bonds.

Again, in the redeeming of the bonds it was not stated that the bonds could be redeemed by the city any time after ten years ON ANY INTEREST DATE. It simply said the bonds could be redeemed in part or all any time after ten years. The four little words "on any interest date" may not seem very important to most persons, but they are regarded of great importance to bond buyers.

What further action will be taken looking to the sale of the bonds will be determined at the next regular meeting of the city board, the first Friday night in May.

## PURCHASES GOOD FARM

**G. E. Harrison Buys 135-Acre Farm from W. E. Read, Two Miles South-east of Town**

Last week G. E. Harrison purchased of W. E. Read his farm lying two miles south-east of town on the road to Grassy Cove. In the deal was also included 103 acres lying near Dorton, four miles east of town. The purchase price of the two properties was \$3,000, which is regarded as a rare bargain.

The farm on which Mr. Read and family lived consists of 25 acres of cleared land, a 5-room cottage, good well, barn and other buildings. A few years ago Mr. Read lined several acres and it now seeded to clover and grass. There are quite a number of fruit trees on the farm and they have been handled with care by Mr. Read the past few years. The property lies well and being so close to town is susceptible of being made into a very valuable farm within a few years, with proper handling.

The 103-acre tract near Dorton is undeveloped, but lies well and is near the Memphis-to-Bristol Highway, which makes it a desirable property.

Mr. Reed and family have been here for about three years. They are quiet and industrious people, moral and well behaved. They left yesterday for Independence, Missouri where they plan to make their future home. In religion they are members of the Reformed Mormon church and not believers in that most objectionable feature of Mormonism, polygamy. Their friends here will wish for them a happy home in the west and regret to see them go away.

Mr. Harrison has rented the farm to J. D. Davis and others, who will cultivate it this year.

## MURDERED WITH KNIFE

**Floyd Wilson Stabbed Art Hall in Neck and Death Results in Few Minutes**

Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock Floyd Wilson killed Art Hall.

The facts, as we get them, are about as follows.

Monday night about 8 o'clock Floyd Wilson, Ed Hall, Art Hall and Wyatt Elmore met at the little store being run by Floyd Wilson and Ed. Hall, at Sutton Ford about two miles from Linary, and engaged in drinking whiskey. They drank whiskey, ate canned goods, sang and had what they called a general good time until after midnight.

Some one suggested that they play a joke on D. C. Patton, who lives only a short distance away, and they sent for him to come down to the store, saying that Floyd Wilson was very sick and about to die. Mr. Patton went down and found Wilson lying in the floor groaning and taking on as if in great pain.

After some time Wilson sat up and began to laugh at Patton and he soon saw that they had just played a joke on him and he too joined in the levity and stayed with them until about three o'clock in the morning when they decided it was time for them to disperse and all arose to go home.

Wilson is said to have told Hall to get out of his house and as Hall did not go immediately Wilson told him a second time, using an oath, and struck at Hall and knocked his hat off and kicked it out into the road. Hall went on the outside and picked his hat up and Wilson is said to have followed him out and the cutting took place. Hall was cut three times, once at the right and in the back of the head, once in the back of the neck and once on the left side of the neck, severing the jugular vein. The wound on the left side of the neck was the one that caused death within two or three minutes.

Coroner J. S. Garrison summoned a jury and went to the scene of the killing Tuesday morning and held an inquest on the body. The jury is said to have returned a verdict that Hall came to his death by a knife wound inflicted by Floyd Wilson.

A warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Emmett Hamby for the arrest of Mr. Wilson, but he could not be found although he was at the place of the killing until a short time before the coroner arrived with the jury. It is thought that he will come in and give himself up later.

Mr. Wilson is son of Ex-Senator T. E. Wilson and is a young man about thirty years of age and unmarried. Mr. Hall is a son of John Hall of Peavine and was about forty years of age, was married and had a large family.

The whole trouble seems to have resulted from the excessive use of wildcat whiskey, which is said to be easily gotten hold of in that community.

## CENTENARY RALLY

There will be a sub-district rally (Thursday, April 21. Afternoon session at 2:30; evening session at 7:30. The following prominent speakers will be present: Rev. T. V. Peters, Harriman; Rev. W. C. Martin, Rockwood. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

Rev. Martin was for several years pastor here and has a multitude of friends in Crossville and over the county who would be glad to meet him and listen to the splendid message he is sure to bring.

Mrs. Richard Brady is with home folks Monterey, while her mother is in Indiana, where she was called by the death of her father.